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Application No.

10/789,674

Examiner

Amara Abdi

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/06/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


JINGGE WU
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 02/03/2006
09/05/2007.

Reason of Allowance

1. This is a supplemental reason of Allowance after the Applicant received a notice of Allowance of Application # 10/756,930 instead of Application # 10/789,674.

2. Applicant's response to the last Office Action, filed September 6th, 2007 has been entered and made of record.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1, 19, 20, and 38 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2-18, and 21-37 depend from claims 1, and 20, therefore, are allowable.

Independent claims 1, 19, 20, and 38 recite the limitations of: "defining a difference kernel based on local difference between a first kernel and a second kernel, the first and second kernels being defined by the filter kernel centered at a first location and a second location, respectively, the second location being separated from the first location by the characteristics distance separating adjacent pixels in the sequence, the difference kernel specifying difference weights for pixels in a neighborhood surrounding a center of the difference kernel". The combination of these features as cited in the claims in the combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

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The closest reference of US 6,678,416 to Sun et al. disclose a detecting and segmenting local deformation in a tracked video objects. However this reference either by itself or by combination with other references does not teach the limitations that the scaling comprises multiplying the first stroke parameter with a ratio of a reference area to the input area.

3. In view of the amended claims and Applicant's Arguments, the rejection to claims 1-38 are expressly withdrawn.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information:

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amara Abdi whose telephone number is (571) 270-1670. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30 Am to 5:00 PM E.T..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wu Jingge can be reached on (571) 272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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11/07/2007


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